

Remarks

Claims 23, 26-28, 30-32, and 34-37 are currently allowed in the application; Claim 31 having been presently amended.

Specifically, Claim 31 has been amended in a non-narrowing manner to remedy a potential informality, in a manner similar to an amendment to Claim 28 made in the Examiner's Amendment included with the Notice of Allowability.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-amendment be entered by a Supervisory Patent Examiner on recommendation of a Primary Examiner without withdrawal of the application from issue, in accordance with MPEP § 714.16.

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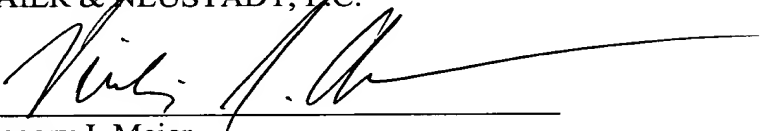
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